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GENEVA FOR USMTN
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MTN, EEC, ETRD
SUBJECT: EC LIST OF POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS OF INDUSTRIAL
TARIFF OFFERS

REF: GENEVA 06397

1. I HAVE TOLD BOTH SIR ROY DENMAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
EXTERNAL RELATIONS, AND FRANZ FROSCHMAIER, HAFERKAMP'S
CHEF DE CABINET, THAT CIRCULATION OF COMMUNITY WITHDRAWAL
LIST AT GENEVA HAS PRODUCED SOMETHING APPROACHING STATE OF
SHOCK IN SOME QUARTERS. WHILE CIRCULATION WAS EXPECTED,
MAGNITUDE OF LIST AND "POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS" WAS
UNANTICIPATED. FROSCHMAIER SAYS THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM
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FOR NEGOTIATION AND WAS SURPRISED AT MY SURPRISE SINCE,
HE SAYS, STRAUSS AND MCDONALD KNEW WHAT WAS COMING, AT
LEAST GENERALLY IF NOT IN DETAIL.

2. DENMAN REFERRED BACK TO LAST HAFERKAMP LETTER TO
STRAUSS AND APRIL 10 DISCUSSIONS, SAYING THAT COMMUNITY
HAD AGREED SEEK IMPROVEMENTS FIRST, BUT THAT WE HAD

RECOGNIZED, AS HAD OTHER NEGOTIATING PARTNERS, THAT ADJUSTMENTS WOULD BE NEEDED AND THAT EC SHOULD NOT WAIT TOO LONG TO PUT THEIR WITHDRAWALS FORWARD. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO DISCUSSING SITUATION WITH AL MCDONALD MAY 3. HE SAID IMPORTANT POINT WAS THAT "LIST IS NOT FINAL." I ASKED IF THAT MEANT IT COULD GET EVEN WORSE OR THAT IT COULD BE CUT BACK. HE SAID, "COME ON DEANE, YOU KNOW IT'S A NEGOTIATION." HE ADDED THAT THERE WERE NUANCES AMONG THE MEMBER STATES, SOME OF WHICH CONSIDER PRESENT LIST TO BE DEFINITIVE, AND OTHERS THAT ARE QUITE OPEN TO WITHDRAWING WITHDRAWALS.

3. TO MY OBSERVATION THAT THE EC LIST MIGHT MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE JAPANESE TO MOVE, HE ASSERTED QUITE THE CONTRARY PROPOSITION. THE JAPANESE OFFER WAS DISGRACEFUL, AS WE ALL KNEW, AND THE EC WAS TRYING TO GIVE THEM A SHOCK. HINTON

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